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## **Sacramento Valley VA National Cemetery**

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- The new 561-acre national cemetery in Solano County, Calif., will serve veterans' needs for the next 50 years. The cemetery is 27 miles southwest of Sacramento along Interstate 80 between Dixon and Vacaville. About 346,000 veterans live within the service area of the cemetery.
- VA prepared an Environmental Assessment for the site in September 2002. The Department of Veterans Affairs purchased the site from a private citizen in July 2004.
- Carter & Burgess, an architect/engineering firm from Sacramento, was awarded the contract to produce the master planning and design documents. VA awarded the construction contract to K.O.O. Construction, Inc., West Sacramento, Calif.
- The construction contract calls for the development of an initial area of 14 acres, which will provide 8,466 gravesites consisting of 4,712 full casket and 3,754 in-ground burial sites for cremated remains. Construction began in April 2006 and the first interments are expected in the fall of 2006. Initial operations will be conducted utilizing a temporary office, committal service shelter and equipment shed.
- Sacramento was one of 10 areas VA identified in a report to Congress in 1994 as having a large veteran population not served by either a national or state veterans cemetery within a reasonable distance. In 1999 and 2003, with the passage of two laws, Congress directed VA to establish 12 new national cemeteries. Four have opened in the areas of Fort Sill, Oklahoma, Pittsburgh, Detroit and Atlanta. The rest – one in Alabama, two in California, three in Florida, one near Philadelphia and one in South Carolina – will be located near large populations of veterans who currently do not have access to a burial option.
- Including the new Sacramento Valley VA National Cemetery, there will be seven national cemeteries in California. Two of these national cemeteries, Riverside and San Joaquin Valley, are open. Ft. Rosecrans National Cemetery currently has space for the burial of cremated remains. The other three, Los Angeles, San Francisco, and Golden Gate National Cemeteries can offer burial only to family members of those already interred. In addition to the Sacramento Valley VA National Cemetery, VA is planning another new national cemetery in the Bakersfield area.
- Contact Cemetery Director Dean Moline by email at [dean.moline@va.gov](mailto:dean.moline@va.gov) or by phone at (707) 437-1849 for additional information about burial and eligibility. More information about VA's National Cemetery Administration is available on the Internet at [www.cem.va.gov](http://www.cem.va.gov).